

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

The following claims will replace all prior versions of the claims in this application (in the unlikely event that no claims follow herein, the previously pending claims will remain):

1. **(Currently amended)** A display device (100), comprising:

~~a light~~ a light emitting picture element (120); and

~~a contrast~~ a contrast enhancing element (110), the contrast enhancing element

comprising a substrate ~~provided with~~ having a plurality of wave guides (216), the wave guides including a first material of a first refractive ~~index~~ index adjacent said picture element (120), and interstitial regions (212) including a second material of a lower refractive index than the first refractive index, the interstitial regions (212) being arranged between the wave guides (216) and formed narrowing in the direction of the picture ~~element~~ element; and

an interface (214) between a wave guide (216) and an interstitial region (212) being provided with a reflective layer

a reflective layer (214) provided on an interface between a wave guide (216) and an interstitial region (212), wherein the reflective layer is configured to reflect ambient light entering the interstitial regions between the wave guides;

wherein a cross-section length of an exit surface of a wave guide is in the order of magnitude of a wavelength of light in the visible range.

2. **(Currently Amended)** The display device of ~~Claim claim~~ claim 1, wherein the interstitial regions (212) have a tapered shape.

3. **(Currently Amended)** The display device of ~~Claim claim~~ claim 1, wherein an entrance plane (217) of the plurality of wave guides (216) is arranged for receiving light emitted from said element, a surface area of an exit plane (218) of said plurality of wave guides (216) being substantially smaller than a surface area of said entrance plane.

4. **(Currently Amended)** The display device of ~~Claim claim~~ claim 1, wherein said reflective layer is a metal layer.

5. **(Currently Amended)** The display device of ~~Claim~~-claim 1, wherein the interstitial regions are substantially funnel-shaped.

6. **(Currently Amended)** The display device of ~~Claim~~-claim 1, wherein the top angle of an interstitial region (212) has a top angle (2a) of less than 90 degrees.

7. **(Currently Amended)** The display device of ~~Claim~~-claim 6, wherein the top angle lies between 30 and 60 degrees.

8. **(Currently Amended)** The display device of ~~Claim~~-claim 1, wherein a thickness of the wave guide substrate is between 100 nanometers and 10 micrometers.

9. **(Cancelled)**

10. **(Currently Amended)** The display device of ~~Claim~~-claim 1, wherein the plurality of wave guides and/or the interstitial regions are arranged in a random structure.

11. **(Currently Amended)** The display device of ~~Claim~~-claim 1, wherein the display device comprises one of a polymer light emitting display, organic light emitting display, transmissive liquid crystal display, cathode ray tube, plasma display or field emission display.